Credit from banks for SSIs

338. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems experienced by small sector in getting credit from bank; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Considering the problems faced by Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector in getting credit, various policy initiatives have been taken by the Government and the Reserve Bank of India to reduce their problems. The measures include enhancement of working capital loan computed on the basis of minimum of 20% of annual projected turnover from Rs. 4 crores to Rs. 5 crores, enhancement in composite loan limit from Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh, raising of project cost limit under National Equity Fund Scheme (NEF) from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs, providing collateral free loan upto Rs. 25 lakhs to the SSI units having good track record and adoption by Public Sector Banks an interest rate band of 2% above and below of their respective Prime Lending Rate (PLR) for SSI units. The lower ceiling of Rs. 5 lakhs loan to the eligible for guarantee cover under the Credit Guarantee Scheme has been removed.

Mission to Moon

†339. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer the reply to Unstarred Question 313 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th February, 2003 and to state:

(a) whether the National Task Team has submitted its report containing the scientific purposes, cost and date of launch etc. of Unmanned Aeria' Vehicle under the Programme, "Mission to the Moon";

(b) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and period of time likely to be involved therein and by when success is likely to be achieved; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, by when the details are likely to be obtained.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Mission to Moon project called Chandrayan-I has been approved by Government of India with a budget outlay of Rs. 386 crores, for realisation in five years.

(c) Does not arise.

Indo-Israel space Cooperation

340. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Indo-Israel bilateral Co-operation proposed in space on micro-satellites; and

(b) the target for launch of the micro satellite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE: (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKERJEE): (a) An agreement has been signed between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Israel Space Agency on cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space under which cooperative activities of mutual interest may be taken up. However, no specific agreement has been concluded on micro-satellites and their launch.

(b) Does not arise.

Completion of projects

341. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central projects initiated by the Central Government during the last five years which are still awaiting completion project-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of cost and time overrun in each case; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure an expeditious completion of the same?